

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 11-14, 16, 20, and 21 are drawn to a matrix printer, classified in Class 101, subclass 401.5.

II. Claims 2, 7, 15, 17, 22, and 25 are, drawn to laser printer, classified in Class 346, subclass 108L.

III. Claims 3, 9, 18, and 23 are, drawn to ink jet printer, classified in Class 346, subclass 75.

IV. Claims 4, 10, 19, and 24 are, drawn to thermal printer, classified in Class 346, subclass 76PH.

2. The inventions are separate and distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Dot matrix printing is a recognized division of impact printing. Laser, ink jet and thermal printing are all recognized divisions of recording in Class 346.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed.

5. During a telephone conversation with Peter Vrahotes on June 8, 1983 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 11-14, 16, 20 and 21. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in responding to this Office action.

Claims 2-4, 7, 9, 10, 15, 17, 18, 19, and 22-24 are withdrawn from further consideration by the Examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless

(a) the invention was known or used
by others in this country, or
patented or described in a printed
publication in this or a foreign
country, before the invention thereof
by the applicant for a patent.

7. Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 11-14, 16, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Bergeron.

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